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Commissioner:

Applicants and their attorney are aware of the following publications listed on the attached PTO Form 1449, and in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97 hereby submit these publications for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicants state that the publications were cited in a Written Opinion issued in connection with a counterpart Patent Cooperation Treaty Application No. PCT/US01/17046. A copy of the Written Opinion is also enclosed for the Examiner's review. All but two of the documents cited in the Written Opinion have already been disclosed. Copies of the references cited on PTO Form 1449 are not enclosed as the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i) has been waived.

It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the publications be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. In this regard, it is requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the next Patent Office Communication.

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